

THEHAVEN



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**Temporarily Meeting at:
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia
906 Church St., Bohemia, NY 11716**

Worship Service Live Streamed At: <https://www.facebook.com/thehavenli/>

*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet
and He brought them to their desired haven.
Psalm 107:30*

**The Lord's Day
January 17, 2021
A Service of Covenant Renewal**

Welcome

✦ **A warm welcome to all:** We are so thankful that the session and Board of Deacons of the OPC in Bohemia, are letting us use their facility so that we can gather for worship, instruction, and fellowship. Until we are able to gather again in a facility in Deer Park, we will be meeting at the Bohemia facility on the Lord's Days at 1:00 p.m.. We are made to gather together as God's people and we rejoice that, despite the lockdown of so many establishments, we are blessed to enjoy this aspect of our corporate life as the people of God. Praise the Lord!

✦ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

1:00 p.m. **Worship/Outreach**

2:30 p.m. **Haven Updates & Evangelism 101**

3:00 p.m. **Haven Food and Fellowship:** We invite all of you to join with us today our Lord's Day feast, (Havenites: Speak with Mary Vaeth to let her know the Sundays you can be host/hostess for our weekly food and fellowship time.) Please note that we are following sanitation protocols for this. Ask one of the officers if you would like a copy of these.

✦ **Outreach Update:** For various reasons related to people's fears during the pandemic, limitations on gatherings, and physical distancing, your officers and the OPC Bohemia session. agreed it would not be wise to do door to door outreach in Bohemia at this time. We urge you to be doing personal outreach to friends, family, and neighbors taking these fears into account and making use of evangelistic literature as an extension of your personal witness to others.

✦ **Social Distancing, Personal Hygiene, and Sanitation:** Be sure to honor social distancing guidelines and always use reasonable precautions to protect those around you from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious disease. It's important to honor these not only in the sanctuary during our worship, but also downstairs for our food and fellowship times.

✦ **Announcement Page:** You'll find this purposely placed after the liturgy pages of our weekly bulletin. This page include things for you to do to serve Christ as you "*Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name.*" It's not enough to gather for worship. We are meant to go forth demonstrating our faith by our works!

✦ The concept of "**covenant renewal**" is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: "*The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom.*"

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Worship/Outreach
The Lord's Day — Sunday, January 17, 2021
Worship 1:00 p.m.
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 81:1-16

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

Salutation:

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins in order to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Amen!

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

Pastor: How lovely are your dwelling places, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes faints for the courts of the Lord!

Pastor: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God!

People: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young - at your altars, my King and my God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in your house - they are always praising you!!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere!

Pastor: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tent of wickedness.

All: For the Lord God is a sun and a shield! The Lord bestows grace and glory. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts: Blessed is the one who trusts in you!

† Opening Hymn of Praise: "O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely..." (Psalm 84B, TPH)

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† indicates standing

Psalm 84B

1. ¹O LORD of hosts, how love - ly the place where - in you dwell!
 2. ³The spar - row finds a home here, the swal - low builds her nest,
 3. ⁵How blest are those you streng - then, who have a pil - grim's mind.
 4. ⁸O hear, LORD God of Ja - cob, to me an an - swer yield;
 5. ¹¹The LORD our God pro - tects us, our shield and shin - ing sun;

Your tab - er - na - cles ho - ly in pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.
 where she may lay her young near your al - tar, LORD of hosts.
 • ⁶A - midst the vale of weep - ing, fresh springs and pools they find.
⁹the face of your a - noint - ed, be - hold, O God, our shield.
 the LORD be - stows his fa - vor and hon - or to his own.

²My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to see your courts, O LORD;
⁴How blest are those who dwell in your house, my King, my God,
 • ⁷From strength to strength ad - vanc - ing, they on their jour - ney go
¹⁰One day with - in your tem - ple ex - cels a thou - sand hence;
 No good will he de - ny those who walk in ways of truth.

my heart and flesh are sing - ing to you, O liv - ing God.
 how blest, those sing - ing prais - es to you, the liv - ing LORD.
 • 'til each ap - pears in Zi - on, where they their God be - hold.
 I'd rath - er keep God's door - way than live in sin - ners' tents.
¹²O LORD of hosts, how blest is the one who trusts in you!

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Psalter, 1931;
 alt 1961; (revised and expanded, 2004, 2016)

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 Welsh hymn melody
 David Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

†Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who made heaven and earth!

†Opening Prayer

People: Amen!

The Lord Our God Cleanses Us

Meditation: The First Commandment of the Law of God

*"You shall have no other gods before **me**." (Exodus 20:23)*

Confession of Sin: Begin with your personal confession before God

Corporate Confession: *True and Living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We confess our pride, arrogance, and foolishness when we replace you with ourselves. Our natural tendency is to say, "We will not have God rule over us." We all too frequently put our ways before yours. We are quick to elevate our words above your words. We devise so many ways by which we replace your will with our will. Forgive us for having ourselves and other idols before You - the only one, true God. Forgive us in Christ and so clothe us with Christ and so fill us with the Holy Spirit that we become what we are called to be: God-centered and God saturated saints who do all things to the glory of God. We ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.*

†Assurance of Pardon: I Timothy 2:5,6

People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

†Our response of faith and obedience: "I Run to Christ"

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I Run to Christ

Chris Anderson

Greg Habegger

A7 D A/C# B min A D G E A

1. I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a ref - uge sure.
 2. I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul re - freshed.
 3. I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure es - cape.

D A/C# B min A D G A7 D

"Be - lieve in me," His voice I hear; His words and wounds se - cure.
 "Come un - to me," He calls through strife; Fa - tigue gives way to rest.
 "De - liv - er me," I cry to Him; Temp - ta - tion yields to grace.

A/C# B min G D/F# F#min B min E min D/F# GMaj7 A

I run to Christ when torn by grief And find a - bun - dant peace.
 I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a might - y arm.
 I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one de - fense.

D A/C# B min A D G A7 D

"I too had tears," He gen - tly speaks; Thus joy and sor - row meet.
 "The Dev - il flees," the Scrip - tures tell; He roars, but can - not harm.
 "I bore God's wrath," He pleads my case— My Ad - vo - cate and Friend.

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THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

Old Covenant Reading: Proverbs 4:10-19

10 Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

11 I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

12 When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

15 Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

New Covenant Reading: Mark 6:45-56

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. 54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him 55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Pastor: *The grass withers,...the flowers fade away; but the word of our God will stand forever!*

People: *Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!*

†Confession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism - Third Section

Gratitude

Lord's Day 49

Q. 123. What does the third request (of the Lord's Prayer) mean?

A. *"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means: Help us and all men to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help everyone carry out the work he is called to as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.*

†We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:

Hymn of Preparation for the Word of God Preached:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (#245, TPH)

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(#245, *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and star in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Refrain

Amen!
Hallelujah!

Pastor: *Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*
People: Amen!

Sermon: "I AM - With You!"

PASTOR: *Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached*
People: Amen!

Worship through Tithes and Offering

†Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer with hands raised)

All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

The Lord Our God Communes With Us

Meditation.

Lord's Supper Celebration

Heads of households, come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Amen!

Closing Psalm for Revival: "Great Shepherd Who's Leading Your People" (80B TPH)
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The Lord Our God Commissions Us

†[Hands Raised] Benediction

People: Amen!

Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name!

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A Psalm for Revival:
Great Shepherd Who's Leading Your People
from Psalm 80 B, TPH
(To tune of "My Jesus, I Love Thee")

Great shepherd who's leading your people in love:
'mid cherubim dwelling, shine down from above.
In might come and save us, your people restore.
And we shall be saved when your face shines once more.

O haste, Lord, to hear us, and pity our woes.
Affliction our portion, despised by our foes.
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore.
And we shall be saved when your face shines once more.

When you shall revive us, your name we will praise;
And nevermore, turning, depart from your ways.
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore.
And we shall be saved when your face shines once more.

Amen!
Hallelujah!

Announcements

✦ **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to inmates who have learned about (and pray for) The Haven, OPC. Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur E. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458. **Also: Encourage Darren's wife, Kim:** Send her a card and note to let her know that you are praying both for Darren and for her: *Mrs. Kim Emanuel, 76-34 162 St., Fresh Meadows, Queens, NY 11366.*

Also: Thinking of You/Praying for You Card/Note: To *Pam Leigh* (wife of OPC Bohemia elder, *Cliff Leigh*) who is in quarantine because of her battle with cancer: 15 Hobson Ave., St. James, NY 11780 By your cards and notes be an instrument of the Great Shepherd's encouragement to others.

✦ **Phone Numbers and E mail Addresses of The Haven Officers:**

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✦ **Zoom Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** This is now a weekly part of our Haven life. After a few minutes to mention updates and new prayer requests, we spend the remaining time in prayer. We also periodically have guests for whom we have been praying. Plan to join us!

Haven Midweek Zoom Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2614159951> or dial (646) 558 8656

Meeting ID: 261 415 9951

✦ **Haven Food and Fellowship:** Speak with Mary Vaeth to let her know the Sundays you can be host/hostess for our weekly food and fellowship time. Here's the schedule for the next few weeks:

Today: Brewers

01/24: K. McMahan & J. Preston

01/31 Vaeths

✦ **Today's Sermon** will be available by Monday evening on sermonaudio.com at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC*) Also available from our own website www.thehavenli.com

✦ Giving Last Sunday:	General Fund: \$2,047.	(2021 weekly. budget: \$1,904.)
	Deacon's Fund: \$ 300.	Misc. \$ 200.

✦ **Sunday, January 31, 2021:** We will have our annual congregational meeting to receive reports and to ratify a budget for the new year.

✦ **Giving to The Haven:** Until we receive our NYS Religious Corp. status: Checks payable to *Haven, OPC, LLC.*

The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about the Bible, Christian doctrine and life, ethical questions, and The Haven, OPC and its ministry

Question: How do you pick the hymns that we use each Sunday?

Pastor Bill responds:

As you go through the liturgy, i.e. the order of worship, you should always keep in mind that each section and each part (usually divided into “the part from God to the people” and “the part from the people to God”) of each section has its purpose. (I usually explain some of that each week). Because congregational singing is one of the elements of “the part from the people to God”) it’s especially important that you know the answer to the question asked above. We are to “sing with the mind/ understanding” (I Cor. 14:15). Our worship will be more edifying (I Cor. 14:26), if we all know why we are singing what we sing.

All singing in corporate worship must have three marks:

- The songs, above all else, must be *Scriptural*. If we’re not actually singing Scripture like the Psalms, the hymns should express teachings that are faithful to the Word of God, i.e. Sound doctrine.
- The songs must be *Singable*. Some very fine hymns can only be sung by people with specialized training - which most congregation members haven’t had. Hymns for corporate worship must be relatively easy to sing by those present. In the same way we use Bible versions that most people can understand, we should follow the same principle with the tunes that we use.
- The songs must be *Suitable*. While there is, admittedly, some subjective judgment here, hymns to be used in corporate worship must fit that setting. There is a grandeur, a richness, an “awesomeness” in hymns and hymn tunes that are suitable to corporate worship.

And, I’d add to this, that in any selection of hymns that we use at The Haven, OPC, I try to bring together “things old and things new”, cf. Matt. 13:52. We sing the Old Testament Psalms, we sing hymns that have been used (in one form or another) in the Christian Church from its early centuries, we use hymns that grew out of the Protestant Reformation and evangelical Christianity, and we use contemporary hymns that have the three marks given above. As we sing gathered together in corporate worship we are reminded by the very songs that we use that we are joined with the saints of all ages in giving praise to God.

MY NOTES ON TODAY'S SERMON

"I AM - With You!

(Mark 6:45-56)

